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Seventy-Fourth Session

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Alabama Baptist State Convention,

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION—1895.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled for its seventy-fourth session with the First Baptist Church, at Selma, Alabama, on Wednesday, November 13, 1895, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., W. C. Cleveland, President, in the chair, and Wm. A. Davis, Acting Secretary.

2. Devotional Exercises were led by G. A. Hornady.

3. Delegates were enrolled as names appear at end of these proceedings, the list embracing all names reported during the session.

4. Officers were chosen by acclamation as follows :

President—W. C. Cleveland.

First Vice President—H. S. D. Mallory.

Second Vice-President—P. H. Mell.

Secretary—Wm. A. Davis.

5. The President briefly addressed the Convention.

6. The program as heretofore published in THE ALABAMA BAPTIST was reported by A. J. Dickinson, chairman, and amended and adopted.

7. A. J. Dickinson welcomed the Convention to Selma and J. G. Harris responded.

8. Visitors were received as follows :

American Baptist Publication Society—C. C. Bitting, Bible Secretary ; F. J. Paxon, Atlanta Agent.

Christian Index—J. A. Howard, Traveling Agent

Foreign Mission Board—E. Y. Mullins, Assistant Secretary.

Home Mission Board—J. B. Hawthorne, President.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—H. H. Harris, Professor.

Sunday School Board—J. M. Frost, President.

The Baptist Union—W. H. Merritt, Business Manager.

9. The courtesies of the Convention were tendered to Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, the benefactor of the Orphanage.

10. Geo. B. Eager, its President read the

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The convention report of 1894 covered only eight months so the report for the term just ended covers sixteen months. The convention will bear this in mind in making any comparison of the results with those of former years. In spite of good crops, better price for cotton, and other signs of renewed prosperity, the past year, in some respects, has been one of the hardest known in our history. Still, the reports of our missionaries show that it has been a year of earnest and successful work. In some respects, God has blessed their labors abundantly. The number of baptisms reported, the amount of money collected and the growing interest shown by many pastors and churches in the work of the Board, are all signs full of cheer and promise. The financial exhibit compares favorably with that of any other year of our existence. The total amount raised through this Board is \$26,108.82, which is in excess of any sum ever before collected by us in a single convention term. Even allowing for the extra four months covered by this report, the amount compares favorably with that of any other convention year. The average amount raised per annum for State Missions during the past ten years is about \$7,600. The amount raised for State Missions during the sixteen months covered by this report is \$11,069, which shows we have gone above that average in our collections, even during the usual twelve months of the convention year. Our gifts to Home Missions are an increase on those of last year, but we have fallen somewhat behind in our contributions to Foreign Missions.

The figures for the past ten years, during which the retiring Secretary has served us, are as follows :

Year.	State.	Home.	Foreign.	All purposes.
1886	\$ 6,396	\$2,264	\$ 3,174	\$ 11,768
1887	7,389	3,618	4,619	14,894
1888	8,183	2,817	3,913	15,819
1889 (16 mos.)	11,970	3,665	4,532	23,310
1890	8,795	4,336	6,358	20,265
1891	8,255	5,471	7,753	19,280
1892	7,617	6,210	6,808	19,197
1893	8,745	9,097	11,504	24,801
1894 (8 mos.)	4,844	3,753	7,487	12,265
1895 (16 mos.)	11,067 13	4,510 05	6,574 74	26,103 82
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That the year's income of the Board, under the circumstances compares so favorably with that of other years, is a cause for devout thanksgiving. It is due chiefly, in the judgment of the Secretary, to

the fact that a great many of our churches, in spite of discouragements, have persistently kept up systematic collections—a new proof of the value of such methods. Only a few have been called on to make heroic efforts. Quite a number of pastors and churches that have never given to the cause before, have given this year. In addition to this, an unusual number of churches have resolved to abandon the haphazard method and adopt the envelope system of regular and proportionate giving.

But it is a fact not yet realized by our people, that the great majority of the Baptists of our State are anti-missionary in practice. Hundreds of churches and thousands of individual members have never given a cent to missions, being taught by the example and precept of their pastors and leaders that it is wrong to give at all to any such cause. Of the seventy-six associations in the State, by far the greater number take no interest in the State Convention, or in any branch of the mission work fostered by it. Much of this is due to lack of enlightenment and knowledge of duty on their part. In these Associations are many devout souls, lovers of God's word, and loyal to duty as they see their duty, who stand ready to give a hearty welcome and a helping hand to any worthy brother who will visit their people to evangelize and enlighten them. "Come over and help us," is their unuttered but piteous appeal to their brethren of this Convention. They are genuine missionaries in spirit, and would be so in practice, if they only had suitable instruction and adequate leadership. If their cry is ever heeded, if relief is ever sent, if they are ever to become trained and efficient helpers in this great missionary enterprise, it must be mainly, we are sure, through the agency of this Convention and the State Board of Missions. We wish to give this conviction the most emphatic expression and the foremost place in our report.

The well earned salaries of our secretaries and missionaries have been paid in full with the exception of a small deficit, which we trust will be made up by collections taken since our books were closed, or sent up to this meeting.

We regret to report that the book department is still in debt to the amount of \$1,652.66, though this is offset by debts due the Board to the amount of \$2,023.05. In consequence of the scarcity of money, and the urgency of the demands on our missionary department, the Board has not thought it best to comply with the policy marked out at the Anniston Convention, of paying the salary of the office secretary and the other office expenses out of the mission funds. We believe, however, that if this plan is now put into effect, the receipts of the book department from commissions on Sunday School literature and contributions for this special work, will be ample in one or two years to pay off the debt. The work of this department is now

being conducted upon a cash basis. The Board is acting upon a plan which it would have been well to have adopted at the beginning, of furnishing books to colporters only for cash. A lot of shelf-worn books is yet to be disposed of, and some old debts due colporters remain to be settled.

In July, the renting month in Montgomery, the Secretary re-rented the rooms hitherto occupied by the Board, but in such a way that they cost us now \$5.00 less per month than they did previously.

As regards the Greensboro Church, we invite special attention to what our Secretary says in his report, and commend the proposed work to our people throughout the State. This is an honor debt and should be paid. The work is full of promise and should be fostered.

It has been the constant aim of this Board to have all churches aided by us, cultivate the grace of giving. Before making any appropriation, we require the church in conference to pledge themselves to take regular collections for Missions, both in the church and the Sunday School. Some of the churches thus trained by missionaries of this Board are among our most liberal supporters.

Dallas Avenue Church, Huntsville, has come to be a power for good in that community. A few noble, self-sacrificing men, built a new house in a growing part of the city and though they have been assisted for only two years, the church is in a fair way to become self-supporting. They have met faithfully every obligation to their pastors and to this Board. Their influence is felt for good in their association and throughout all North Alabama.

At Florence, also, our cause has made good progress. Brother Brown has done fine work among the many students from Baptist homes attending the Normal College there, but he has done the work of an evangelist also in the region round about. They ask help of us only one year more.

The work of Brother Burns in North Alabama and that of Brother Ray in South Alabama has been signally blessed and fruitful in what we have reason to believe will prove abiding and far reaching results. The day is not far distant when we may hope to see the churches of this whole rich, but undeveloped region of North Alabama, and much of the unreached territory of South Alabama, brought into active sympathy with this convention and its work. We have accordingly continued the services of Brother Burns as evangelist in North Alabama. We are sure such action will command your hearty endorsement, and that of our people all over the State. Brother Glenn after two years of most efficient service in North-west Alabama has been compelled to resign on account of declining health.

Of the thirty-one young ministers at Howard College this session, nineteen are dependent upon our aid for a part or the whole

of their school expenses. Help has been promised also to one young man in our seminary in Louisville. The indebtedness thus assumed amounts for the first term to \$800 00 of which nearly half has been paid. The conduct and work of our young preachers during last summer's vacation, so far as we have heard was excellent. Many of them held meetings and preached as often as opportunity offered with blessed results. All seemed anxious to teach or preach or do something by which they could help themselves and do good.

The Board received through the Secretary communications from the Carey Association, The Roanoke, Jemison and Antioch Ministers' Institutes and from several leading brethren of the State commending the work of Rev. G. S. Anderson among the preachers to the consideration of the Board, and asking that he be appointed to hold institutes throughout the State as a part of the convention work for ministerial education. These communications and this whole question are respectfully referred to the convention for such disposition as may be deemed to be wisest and best.

Audience was given by the Board to Drs. Tichenor and Morehouse, of the Home Board of Atlanta, and the Home Mission Society of New York, speaking in behalf of the plan of co-operation proposed by these bodies, jointly with the white and colored conventions of Alabama for the education and evangelization of the negroes, and the Board voted unanimously and heartily to commend said plan to the consideration and adoption of this convention.

We recommend that the Statistical Secretary of this Convention furnish to the Secretary to be printed in the Minutes of the convention of each year the tabular statement of each association by churches and thus save the State Board Office an immense amount of labor.

We also recommend the appointment of a Committee on Co-operation as has been done in some other States. We think good will come of such appointment; especially if the committee is charged to attend to all correspondence incident to such a work.

The appropriation of four hundred dollars for our State work from the Sunday School Board at Nashville came to us at the time of our greatest need and is gratefully mentioned.

Gifts of Bibles from the Sunday School Board and from the American Baptist Publication Society have been received and suitably acknowledged.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"Rev. A. R. Hardy has moved to Greensboro and taken full charge of the work there. In a few weeks he will come into possession of the lot which I have secured and will move into the house. After visiting the place, and consulting with some of the best business men, I purchased the lot, which is well located, near the center of the

town and has a residence on it. I became personally responsible for the purchase money. The price to be paid is \$1000.00, one-half cash, and the other in twelve months with 6 per cent. interest. The property has been renting for \$10 per month. I made the first payment with money borrowed on a note payable in ninety days from November 1st. Brethren Mallory, Welch, Lamar and Ward, of Selma, signed the note with me. On this note I have in hand \$217.01 in cash, and \$124.65 in good subscriptions. I have asked the Home Mission Board to assist us in the support of the pastor at Greensboro to the amount of \$500.00. This, with the same amount appropriated by the State Board, would enable the pastor to give his whole time to the work and pay the interest on the \$1000.00 out of his salary. He could give more than half his time then to raising money for the new house of worship and the debt on the lot. The mill men, I believe, will give us nearly all the lumber needed. The railroads, I feel sure, will haul it for us at half rates. I have secured the plans and specifications for a neat frame building, which will cost, when completed, about \$1,800 or \$2,000. By this plan the denomination may easily return to the Baptists of Greensboro the \$6,000 which they conveyed to this Convention many years ago. I am sure we can have a self-sustaining church there in a few years if this plan is carried out. We may safely count on raising \$500 in Greensboro towards this building. By taking the lead in this movement, and assuming the responsibility, the Board, I believe, will commend itself to the good sense and spirit of fairness of our people. It may be several years before we have the pleasure to announce the work accomplished, but under God, it can be done by persistent work, and we will be justly proud of it when it is finished.

PARTING WORDS.

"I feel it to be my duty to utter a solemn conviction about the work of our Board before retiring from its service. The most unwise thing that was ever done by our Convention, as I see it, was the passage of resolutions disparaging and discouraging missionary work in the centers of population. The best work this Board has ever done was work of this character. It is in accordance with New Testament precedents and has the divine benediction wherever tried. Missionary pastors at important places who will give as much time as possible to the regions beyond assisting pastors and visiting undeveloped churches is the great need of our cause in Alabama today. The State can be more quickly and economically evangelized by this than by any other method. I would not disparage the work of the evangelist. I would say do both so far as the means in hand will allow; but if the means be limited I would commend the work in the centers as the cheapest, the most promising and the most enduring. The work of the Missionary

Colporter, too, is important, and should be pushed as far as practicable. If the Board had the money to pay living salaries to intelligent and consecrated preachers to go with their books into the destitute regions, many of these waste places could be made to blossom as the rose. When the salary to be paid is meagre and the Colporter must depend upon collections or his profits on books for a support, the Board will be forced to employ men who are not well qualified for the work and they will be forced to go where they can get the best collections and sell the most books. So the most destitute regions will be left unvisited. Such a plan will tend to break down the mission spirit in the best churches. The objection will soon be heard: 'If this is the sort of man my money goes to and this is the sort of work to be done, I will give no more money to the Board.' Of course, if the Associations employ men and the Board assumes no risk, the Board should furnish the books at cost and encourage the work in every possible way.

"I think the Secretary hereafter might well be regarded as one of the evangelists, which he is in fact. With a first class business man in the office, as we now have, there is very little need of the Corresponding Secretary in the office most of the time. A few days in each month will be sufficient. His mail can be sent to him on the field, and his correspondence can be conducted almost entirely from the field.

"I have been most careful this year in my correspondence with the young preachers. The impression got out that the Board would furnish each worthy applicant with \$125 for school expenses. I have insisted on each one paying something, and most of them have agreed to do so. There is nothing committed to this Board of more vital importance to the future of our work, I am persuaded, and nothing which calls for more careful management than this cause of Ministerial Education."

GEO. B. EAGER, President.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1895.

STATE MISSIONS.

To balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 438.01	
Amount received from all sources.....	11,067.13—	\$11,505.14
By balance on Secretary's salary.....	153.50	
salary Secretary 12 mos. ending July 1	1,500.00	
" " 4 " " Nov. 1.....	500.00	*
By amount paid Missionaries	7,549.70	
Office expenses, which includes rents, water, fuel, janitor, &c...	511.78	

By amount paid Exchange, money orders, &c....	29.54	
Telegrams.....	8.80	
Stationery and printing.....	128.30	
Postage.....	168.39	
Convention printing.....	32.87	
Expenses Woman's Cen. Com..	22.20	
Traveling expenses Secretary..	265.65	
" " Agents....	301.72	
" " Members of		
Board...	90.23	
For Missionary Edition of Ala-		
bama Baptist.....	21.87—	
To correct error in For. Miss Bd	18.56	
Cash on hand.....	202.09—	11,505.14

HOME MISSIONS.

To amount on hand last report.....\$	24.29	
Received for Home Missions	4,295.16	
Home Board's debt.....	54.95	
For El Paso church.....	65.75	
Pura Cova.....	63.30	
Cuban Mission.....	7.57	
Cuban Girl.....	9.00	
Indian Mission.....	14.32—	4,534.34
By amount paid I. T. Tichenor.....		4,534.34

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....\$	297.55	
received for Foreign Missions.....	4,989.50	
Foreign Mis. debt.....	568.76	
Maynard.....	6.01	
Italian Mission.....	5.00	
Japan Mission.....	16.06	
North China Mission..	20.90	
China Mission.....	118.55	
Birmingham Mission..	336.23	
Sunbeam Missionary...	59.05	
Education of Mexican		
Girl in Madero Inst .	72.00	
Miss Kelly.....	368.98	
Mexican Mission.....	5.00	
African Mission.....	4.70	
Centennial	4.00	6,872.29
By amount paid R. J. Willingham.....		6,872.29

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance on hand at last report.....	10.37	
To amount received.....	2,434.54—	2,444.91
By amount paid out.....	2,214.54	
By amount on hand	230.37—	2,444.91

HOWARD COLLEGE.

To balance on hand last report.....	9 00	
To amount received	24.41—	33.41
By amount paid.....		33.41

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To balance on hand last report	387 72	
To amount received.....	12.56—	400.28
By amount paid.....	33.20	
By amount on hand	367.08—	400.28

CHURCH BUILDING.

To balance last report.....	42.84	
To amount received	5.32—	48.16
By amount paid	40.00	
By amount on hand.....	8.16—	48.16

ORPHAN'S HOME.

To balance on hand last report	10.98	
To amount received	633.85—	644.83
By amount paid J. W. Stewart.....		644.83

JUDSON INSTITUTE.

To amount received.....		170.50
By amount paid S. W. Averett.....	163.10	
By amount on hand....	7.40—	170.50

CHILDREN'S DAY.

To amount received.....	210.24	
By amount paid T. P. Bell.....	210.24	

GREENSBORO HOUSE.

To amount received.....	33.15	
By amount on hand.....	33.15	

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To amount received	427.33	
By amount paid.....	427.33	

RECAPITULATION.

State Missions.....	11,067.13
Home Missions.....	4,510.05
Foreign Missions.....	6,574.74
Ministerial Education.....	2,434.54
Howard College.....	24.41
Aged and Infirm Ministers ..	12.56
Church Building.....	5.32
Orphan's Home.....	633.85
Judson Institute.....	170.50
Children's Day	210.24
Greensboro House.....	33.15
Bible and Colportage	427.33
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Total	26,103.82

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of W. B. Crumpton, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

J. C. POPE, Auditor.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 11th, 1895.

STATEMENT OF THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

NOVEMBER 1ST, 1895.

Resources on hand July 14, '94.....	\$2,764.40	
Contributions from churches, &c.....	427.33	
" " A. B. P. Society Bibles.....	150.00	
" " B. S. S. Board.....	25.00—	3,366.73
Less Donation account.....	43.68	
Discount and losses on books	100.00	
Amount paid Shelby Association....	9.55—	153.23
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Stock on hand, inventory.....	1,575.74	
Account due by Colporters.....	947.35	
" " Sundry parties.....	750.48	
Old Mission Board.....	325.22	
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Cash on hand.....	\$217.51—	\$3,816.30
Present indebtedness		1,652.66
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Making present worth.....		\$2,163.64
Sales of Department 16 months.....	6,766.25	
Expenses Department 16 months.....	1,740.33	

The expense account embraces the following items :

Salary of Secretary 16 months.	1,333.34	
Printing and stationery.....	51.54	
Exchange and discounts	9.91	
Insurance	25.00	
Stamps and postage.....	250.53	
Incidentals	70 01—	1,740.33

The sales to the colporters for the past 16 months amount to \$1,661.40.

The Department has sold to Sunday Schools, helps of the Convention Series amounting to \$2,838.01.

We have sold of the American Baptist Pub. Society's Sunday School helps amounting to about 20 per cent of what we have sold of those of the Convention Board. A slight increase over last year is shown in the number of schools purchasing literature from the Board. We would again urge the pastors to favor the department in securing the patronage of the schools for Sunday School helps, Bibles, Testaments, Song Books, Sunday School Records, Reward Cards, Books, &c.

All orders receive prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. COLLIER,

Secretary Book Department.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of J. B. Collier, Secretary of the Book Department of the State Board of Missions, and find them to be true and correct and supported by proper vouchers.

J. C. POPE, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 1, 1895.

Number of men employed 42, of whom 14 were Missionary Colporters.

Days of service.....	6200
Miles traveled.....	41,340
Sermons delivered	3088
Addresses made.....	1715
Churches constituted.....	6
Number of persons baptized....	495
Baptized by others.	547
Received by letter.....	435
Restored	57
Sunday Schools organized.....	47
Sunday Schools addressed. See addresses.....	
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized.....	11
Prayer meetings organized.	141
Prayer meetings held	720
Number of visits to preaching stations.....	383

Number of churches visited.....	767
Number of visits made.....	8685
Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist secured.....	310
Subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal secured.....	134
Subscribers to Our Home Field.....	2
Pages of tracts distributed	30,166
Meeting houses commenced	9
Meeting houses finished	10
Money collected for meeting houses	\$ 494.95
Money collected for all Missions.....	1,996.88
Money collected for Ministerial Education	40 10
Money collected for Orphans' Home	109.80
Money collected for Bible and Colportage Board.....	42.40
Money collected for church building.....	6.90
Number of books sold	928
Value of same.....	\$561.42
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	10 0
Value of same.....	\$785.97

11. W. C. Ward, President of the Board of Trustees, submitted the

REPORT OF HOWARD TRUSTEES.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention, convened at Selma, Ala.:

The Board of Trustees of Howard College herewith submit the annual report of the college for the scholastic year of 1894-5:

As shown by the catalogue of the college, there were enrolled for that scholastic year 175 students. Of these enrolled, there were two young ladies who entered the advanced classes. This was the first year to which the college was open to young ladies. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June, 1895, there were present, participating in the meeting, Hon. J. M. Arnold, Hon. E. H. Cabiniss, Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D., Rev. J. A. French, D. D., Hon. J. P. Hubbard, Rev. P. T. Hale, D. D., C. C. Jones, M. D., S. P. Fowlkes, Esq., Rev. B. H. Crumpton, D. D., Rev. J. A. Glenn, M. V. Neece, Esq., R. W. Beck, Esq., S. W. Welch, M. D., W. H. Wood, F. M. Wood, E. F. Enslen and W. C. Ward.

It is with sorrow that the death of Hon. John M. McKleroy must be reported. During the time he served on the Board of Trustees, he was very prompt in attendance and wise in council and diligent in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Board. He was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees at the session of the Convention held in November, 1890. It is also necessary to report to the Convention that the term as trustees of the following members has expired, viz: Hon. T. G. Bush, E. H. Cabaniss, W. T. Smith, F.

M. Wood, W. H. Wood, S. W. Welch, R. W. Beck and M. B. Neece. It becomes therefore necessary that ten trustees be elected by the Convention to fill the vacancies which have occurred by expiration, and the vacancy which has occurred by death and one by resignation. It is the pleasure of the Board of Trustees to report that in every respect, except financially, the last scholastic year was one of the most successful in the history of the college. The graduates of the year 1895 were among the most promising and scholarly that have received diplomas from the college. Several of them were young men who were theological students in the college and who are engaged in the ministry or who are at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

About the 6th of March last, in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors of this Convention, there was a meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Birmingham, Alabama, quite largely attended, to consider the condition of Howard College and what should be done with it. This meeting was called because of adverse reports made to the Board of Directors of the condition of the college and because of the approaching maturity of the mortgage debt due the Union Trust Company of Philadelphia. At this meeting the report made by Rev. W. A. Whittle, financial agent of the college, appointed at the instance of the alumni, was considered. His report was in substance that nothing had been accomplished that was of benefit to the college and that he had not collected anything from new subscriptions or on old subscriptions. It was evident that the work undertaken by him to procure an endowment for the college was premature, for the reason that no one would give money for an endowment to a college so much indebted. The Board of Trustees were impressed personally with the conviction that much harm had been done the college financially by the impression which had gotten abroad—however created it is not necessary to conjecture—that it was a useless waste of money for the people to pay what they had subscribed to Howard College. The fact that the money had been borrowed upon a hypothecation of these obligations made by brethren seemed to be of no weight in the matter of the binding character of these obligations. A committee consisting of the President of the Board of Trustees, Brethren Arnold, Cabaniss and Enslin, was appointed to secure, if possible upon more favorable terms, an extension of the mortgage debt. After considerable correspondence the negotiations resulted in an extension of \$30,000 of the debt for the term of three years from April 1st, 1895, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, interest to be evidenced by new coupons, the old bonds remaining. The balance of the \$5,700 principal, it was expected would be paid out of the collection of the two debts secured by mortgages amounting to \$8,500, which if collected, would have been sufficient to liquidate the \$5,700 of principal and to pay the interest which had accrued and was unpaid April

1st, 1895. Owing to the depressed condition of business and of values in Birmingham, this debt of \$8,500 has not been paid, and consequently the interest accrued has not been paid. The debt of \$30,000 mentioned is of principal. There was due and unpaid on April 1st, 1895, interest to an amount sufficient to make this debt \$35,700, constituting an interest bearing principal. Herewith find Treasurer's report (See item 15 of these proceedings) showing collections on account of subscriptions to the college building and the application of the collections. It will be seen that the mortgage loan of \$5,200 collected was paid on the mortgage bonds. Herewith find attached also the Treasurer's report, Exhibit "A," showing the amount of principal debt now due on the college and also unpaid subscription notes on the main building, which he states to be approximately correct. Herewith find a statement marked Exhibit "B," published in The Alabama Baptist last July pursuant to the direction of the Board of Trustees showing the status of the college finances at that time.

Since the close of the last college term, Dr. George W. Macon, professor of Biology and German in the college, has withdrawn from the faculty of Howard College to become a member of the faculty of Mercer University. During the eight years of his connection with the college he showed himself to be a scholarly and efficient teacher and a most excellent gentleman. His departure from the college was a great loss and was a source of much regret. Georgia now has connected with her educational institutions two gentlemen who distinguished themselves in the faculty of Howard College and is our debtor. Prof. W. H. Payne has succeeded to the position formerly occupied by Dr. Macon. He is a graduate of Howard College, a most excellent gentleman and a very scholarly man. We have now associated with Dr. Dill as an assistant in the chair of Ancient Languages, Prof. S. J. Ansley, a graduate of Howard College. There are now connected with the faculty of Howard College four gentlemen who are graduates of the college.

As to the past work of Howard College it is a source of much gratification that it has given to the country so many excellent teachers and it is a matter of great pride that these teachers have distinguished themselves wherever they have taught and are much sought for. With confidence it may be said: "That college is doing the greatest good which gives to the country the greatest number of excellent teachers." It is the teacher sent out by a college that is its best advertisement. He is brought in immediate contact with the educational interest of the country and with those who are to be educated. His accomplishments are constantly under criticism and his ability meets with the severest test of scholarship. The Baptists of Alabama in this regard have occasion to be proud of the past work of their college.

It is gratifying to be able to report that for the year 1895-6 152 students have to date been enrolled in the college. Of these five are young ladies who have connected themselves with the college to enjoy its particular privileges and advantages. One of these young ladies attained to the distinction during the first six weeks of the term of 99.1 per centage of scholarship, there being but one young gentleman in all the college who attained a higher percentage, and he received 99.6 of a maximum of 100. This speaks well for the comparative capacity of the young ladies in the school. The others stand well and are doing well. Thus far nothing has occurred to indicate that a mistake was made in admitting young ladies to the college halls. On the contrary, much is expected from this change of policy. The young men now in the college perhaps are younger than have heretofore matriculated but the report of their behavior and of their studiousness is most creditable. One of the most gratifying things that has occurred in the course of a long observation of colleges took place on the visit of the writer last week. At the opening religious exercises, 150 students arose and sang in excellent time and in fine voice that splendid old hymn called "Old Time Religion." It was the melody of 150 good voices and made the heart glad while the visitor listened.

Returning to the matter of the future of the college, it may be said that it is now passing through a crisis. The college is at the mercy of its creditors. How long they will forbear we cannot know. Default has been made in the payment of interest and we have no resources from which money for that purpose can be realized. If some friend would take securities that we have and advance the money we feel assured that the college will be indulged as long as interest is promptly paid. The question is plainly put before the Baptists of Alabama: Shall the college fail because its friends forsake it? Can the Baptists of Alabama afford to lose Howard College? Is it not better to preserve and save what they have than to lose what they have and begin a new educational work? Can the Baptists of Alabama accomplish what ought to be done without a male college? What the college is doing for the Baptists may well be seen in the number of young men annually sent forth to engage in the professions and to preach. Of the 152 students now enrolled in the college, 31 are ministerial students, more than 20 per cent of the whole number. These young men will leave the college to go back when educated to the people who sent them. The value of such an institution to the people of a State may well be understood when the condition of the Baptists in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Kentucky is considered. Perhaps Virginia and Kentucky and South Carolina have the largest number of trained and well educated preachers of any States in the South, and this fact is due to Richmond College, Furman University, Georgetown College

and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. So great is the importance of Howard College to the Baptists of Alabama that it will be better rather than to allow this institution to perish that all other religious enterprises in which our people are engaged for the time being be set aside and that all of our energies and resources be concentrated upon building up this institution. As this College flourishes or fades, so all enterprises in which we are engaged must flourish or fade. More than to anyone else the elevation of the people is due to the preacher and the teacher, and if you have not an educated ministry and thoroughly educated and trained teachers, the people must suffer. The religious enterprises in which Baptists are now engaged flourish most where people are best educated. We want all of our people, poor as well as rich, in the country as well as in the city, elevated to better things and to do that we must have educated preachers and educated teachers. It is not enough to say that these men can be educated in secular institutions. We need and must have for our preachers and teachers, if possible, men who are educated in our denominational schools.

One of the saddest things connected with our labors for the college is what appears to us to be the lack of interest among Baptist preachers and the alumni. The Secretary of the faculty reports that he wrote more than 200 letters during the summer vacation to Baptist preachers and to the alumni of Howard College (many of the preachers educated in the college), and he received only about 17 answers. These letters were appeals, not for pecuniary assistance, but for aid in directing young men wanting an education to the college. If all Baptist preachers of the State and the alumni of the college were to aid in directing young men to the college we might have 300 students there and not 150. We want all men to be the friends of the college.

The members of the faculty are considerably in arrears with their salaries. They are wholly dependent on what the students pay. A great many young men, while the terms are cash, are admitted upon assurances that in a short time board and tuition will be paid. In this way indebtedness on the part of the patrons of the college accumulates. At the beginning of the present scholastic year the patrons of the college were in arrears to the members of the faculty \$4,200 (four thousand two hundred dollars) Attention is called to this fact because the arrangement made by the Board of Trustees with the faculty is that the faculty must depend upon the earnings of the college for their maintenance.

Brethren, what will you do with your college?

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WARD,

President of Board of Trustees of Howard College.

(Exhibit A.)

DEBIT.

Due Union Trust Company (with interest from April 1, '95).	\$37,000.00
" D. I. Purser, balance on note.....	1,000.00
" On heater.....	1,300.00
" M. T. Richards, balance on dormitories.	4,000.00
" W. A. Averitt, loan.....	1,000.00
" C. Williams, balance on loan.....	700.00
" Jefferson County Savings Bank, balance on loan.....	375.00
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	45,375.00

CREDIT—ASSETS

Amount due on loan	\$8,500.00
" " Sub. notes—good	6,000.00
" " " " doubtful	15,800.00
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	\$30,300.00

(Exhibit B.)

HOWARD COLLEGE TO THE BAPTIST PUBLIC.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College, at the last meeting in June of this year, directed that as to its financial condition I should make the following statement :

LIABILITIES.

Due on bonded debt secured by mortgage of 64 acres of land, April 1st, 1895.....	\$37,145.05
Balance due on heater, principal	1,500.00
Due on dormitories (Richards debt).....	4,000.00
Due W. A. Averitt, loan for dormitory.....	1,000.00
Due C. Williams, loan for dormitory, balance	700.00
Due Jefferson Co. Sav. Bank.....	330.71
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Total.....	\$44,675.76

RESOURCES.

Mortgage notes, collateral for bonded debt.....	8,000.00
Subscription notes for main building, good.....	5,646.25
Subscription notes for main building, not classed.....	11,721.96
Subscription notes for dormitories, good	1,479.00
Subscription notes for dormitories, not classed	2,955.26
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Total	\$29,802.47

12. J. B. Lovelace, President of Board of Trustees, read the

REPORT OF JUDSON TRUSTEES.

The 57th annual session of the Judson closed on the 6th day of June, 1895. There were in attendance 115 pupils, of these 82 boarded in the building. Nine teachers, representing all the departments of a highly finished education, were employed. Two officers of the Home Department, under the President, had charge of the home life of the boarding pupils.

The buildings, furniture and musical instruments are in excellent condition. The buildings and premises are in connection with the water system of Marion, which furnishes an abundant supply of artesian water, and adds greater protection against damage by fire to that which we have enjoyed from our own system of wells and elevated tanks.

Among other improvements we would mention also the introduction of the telephone, connecting the school by wire with Selma, Montgomery and other points. These improvements have been added at a small cost. While contributing greatly to the convenience and comfort of the members of the school, they will, it is believed, promote economy in the management of its business.

An active canvass for patronage was made during the summer months. It was found that the Judson was in competition with schools that have no fixed charges for board and tuition, and no fixed standards of scholarship for graduation. We felt that our policy in these matters, namely, to furnish good board and instruction at very moderate and fixed rates, and of requiring respectable scholarship for graduation ought not to be sacrificed. We are convinced that the school we have now could not have been secured if a change in our established policy had been made and published. We are very hopeful that with a return of prosperity there will also be a large demand for such an education as the Judson is reputed to furnish, and a corresponding increase of patronage.

The current session has opened with ninety-two pupils, including sixty-seven boarders.

Of the character of the school and its work we have most favorable impressions, both from observation and common report.

In regard to the mortgage debt, we would report that the bonds and mortgage have been extended for five years, from July 1, 1895, and that all interest due to the 15th of October, 1895, inclusive, has been paid.

Since the last session of the Convention we have lost one of our members by death. Our brother, J. H. Marbury, went to his reward the 27th of April. He had been for many years an active member of

this Board, and a staunch friend and patron of this school. He was valuable in counsel and generous in every relation he sustained to us. He died as he had lived, strong in faith, benevolent in purpose, calm and patient, loving his church and his beneficent work. It will be the duty of the Convention to supply the vacancy caused by his death.

We would call the attention of the Convention to the duty of supplying the place of Brother L. L. Lee, Trustee, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE,

T. T. DAUGHDRILL,
Secretary.

President Board of Trustees.

13. J. W. Stewart, Financial Secretary, submitted

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Pursuant to the recommendation contained in the report made to the last Convention, a committee was appointed by the President to prepare suitable amendments to the Charter, and have them enacted into law at the last session of the General Assembly.

These amendments were prepared accordingly, and were enacted into law as shown by the Acts of 1894-5, page 432. By reference to said Act, it will be seen that the property and concerns of said Institution, shall be governed and directed by a Board of Trustees, composed of nine (9) members, five (5) of whom shall reside at Evergreen, that their successors shall be selected by this Convention, in such manner as it may deem best, and that said Board of Trustees shall elect one of their number as President, and another as Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, each of whom shall reside in Evergreen where said Institution is located.

It is further provided that the Board of Trustees as then constituted should be continued in office until their successors are elected by this Convention.

It will be further observed that said amendments render the Charter more specific as to the persons who may be received into said home, the manner of receiving them, and the general control over both their persons and property, and that there is a provision made for the reception of abandoned children, when they are committed to the custody and control of the Home by two reputable citizens of this State with the approval of the Probate Judge or a Justice of the Peace of the County where such child is found.

In this connection I beg to call attention of the pastors throughout the State to the necessity of exercising the greatest precaution in recommending children for reception into the Home, otherwise there is danger of great imposition on the part of heartless parents, who can, with proper effort, take care of their own children, or of communities whose duty it is to provide for their own poor.

Another thing to be guarded against is the sending of children afflicted with contagious or incurable diseases, which might prove of great detriment, if not permanent injury, to other children in the Home. We are not prepared to do the work, or afford the comforts, of an infirmary and hence this suggestion.

Another suggestion I deem important in this connection is, that we desire, as far as possible, to avoid receiving into the Home children, who have sufficiently advanced in years, as to form vicious habits. This is not a reformatory institution for the training of youthful criminals, and I hope that ere long our noble State will establish an institution of this sort.

Certain other sections of the original charter were entirely repealed as being wholly impracticable and unnecessary.

STATISTICS.

Since our last report we have received into the Home.....	14
We have sent out by adoption.....	8
Sent out by apprenticeship.....	2
Total received since home opened.....	48
Total sent out " " ".....	13
Total number in home at present.....	35

An account of the moneys received and disbursed will be shown by the report of the Financial Secretary.

It is gratifying to report that the health of the children has been uniformly good, and that kind friends all over the State have contributed money, clothing, provisions and other needed things from time to time, so that we have never been reduced to actual want. We are profoundly grateful for these favors and kind remembrances, and we pray God's blessings upon each and every one who has remembered these helpless little ones.

I beg again to impress upon the churches and Sunday schools throughout the State to select one Sunday in each month as a collection day for the Orphanage.

If the Baptists of Alabama will adopt this simple plan we will get all the money we need to improve our buildings and to properly care for those who, in the providence of God, may seek shelter in our Home.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FARNHAM,
President Board of Trustees

14. The Secretary of the Convention read the

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

Three meetings of the Board of Directors were held in Selma during the year. At the meeting of July 9, 1894 the lease contract between Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson and Messrs. Eliasberg for certain property in Selma, in which the Orphanage has a contingent interest, was duly ratified. (See Convention Minutes 1894, item 7.)

At the second meeting held on October 27, 1894, there were present Brethren S. W. Averett, J. L. Lawless, Thomas M. Johnson, Robert R. Kornegay, Law Lamar, W. P. Welch and H. S. D. Mallory.

In the absence of the President, Bro. S. W. Averett was called to the chair and Bro. H. S. D. Mallory appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The following communication was read:

"GREENSBORO, ALA., October 14, 1894.

To the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Greensboro Baptist Church, have been appointed by the said church to request you to join with them in an appeal to the Baptists of Alabama for means to erect a house of worship at this place. In 1866, the church in Greensboro dissolved and turned over its property to the Alabama Baptist Convention. The following year the Convention sold the property to the town of Greensboro for the sum of eight thousand dollars, the said property to be used as a court house for the county of Hale. Two thousand dollars of this amount was paid to the colored people of this place for the erection of a church building for them. The balance was used by the Convention with the understanding that, when a church (white Baptist) should be organized in Greensboro, it should be returned. In February, 1894, Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, an evangelist of the State Board of Missions, and Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of said Board, constituted a church of thirteen members at this place. For the present we are worshipping in the Court House. We desire to purchase at an early day a suitable lot and begin the erection of a building for the worship of God. We trust that you will, as speedily as possible, have a meeting of your Board and take such action as in your wisdom the necessities of the case may require.

P. H. WILKERSON,
WM. MARTIN,
T. J. MITCHELL,
T. J. KINNAIRD,
R. D. REDDING,

Trustees."

On motion, it was

Resolved, By this Board of Directors, that the State Board of Missions of the Alabama Baptist State Convention are hereby authorized and requested to provide for and take such measures as may be necessary or proper to raise by contributions from the denomination in Alabama the sum of six thousand dollars, and the same pay over to said church at Greensboro in satisfaction of the amount received by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, as set forth in the foregoing communication, and the President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention is hereby requested to issue an appeal to the Baptists of the State, setting forth the facts and urging liberal contributions to the fund sought to be raised.

At the third meeting, held February 13, 1895, to consider the general interests of the denomination, there were present W. C. Cleveland, President, S. W. Averett, W. P. Welch, A. J. Dickinson, J. J. Taylor, proxy of J. B. Ellis, W. B. Crumpton, proxy of J. L. Lawless.

J. A. French was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

J. W. Stewart made a statement regarding the financial condition of the Orphanage and the number of inmates, and satisfaction was expressed by the Board.

It was unanimously voted to be unwise to change the place of meeting of the Convention this year from Selma to Dothen.

Remarks concerning Howard College were made by W. P. Welch, J. J. Taylor, W. C. Cleveland, W. B. Crumpton and S. W. Averett, and on motion of A. J. Dickinson, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Directors instruct the Trustees of Howard College to call said Board of Trustees to meet within the next fifteen days to consider its financial condition and what steps will be necessary to liquidate its debts, whether by assignment for benefit of the creditors, or compromise, or otherwise, and report their conclusions back to this Board of Directors within twenty days from to-day.

It was voted unwise to appeal to the churches for special contributions for salary of President of Howard College and certain other current expenses.

On motion of A. J. Dickinson, it was

Resolved, That the Directors are glad to see improvement in the affairs of the Judson Female Institute, and trust its Board of Trustees will succeed in refunding its bonded debt.

It was the sense of the Board that the ministerial students should be kept at Howard College until end of session, and that the State Board of Missions should make arrangements to that effect. It was

Resolved, That the Board of Directors advises the State Board of Missions to inaugurate the missionary campaign recommended by the

Convention as soon as possible, and the Board petitions the churches of the State to release their pastors wherever practicable in order that they may give themselves, under the State Board of Missions, to this work ; and the State Board of Missions is instructed to open an account on its books with each church contributing and report the same to the Convention.

W. C. CLEVELAND,
President.

The question of the right of Directors to appoint proxies was raised by Wm. A. Davis and discussed by H. S. D. Mallory, A. J. Dickinson, J. A. French, H. H. Brown, Josephus Shackelford and W. B. Crumpton, and the President ruled on a point of order, that the authority to appoint proxies did not exist and was illegal.

The report was then adopted.

15. The Secretary of the Convention presented the Treasurer's report :

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 9, 1895.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention Selma, Ala.:

DEAR BRETHREN—Below I beg to submit my report as your Treasurer for the year ending November 9, 1895 :

HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

1894.	DR.	
June 29.	To balance last report.....	\$ 688.47
July 10.	" amount collected from sub. notes...	200.00
" 27.	" " " " " " "	45.00
Oct. 29.	" " " " " " "	25.00
1895.		
June 7.	By amount collected from mort. loan...	5,200.00
Nov. 2.	" " " " sub. notes..	250.00
Nov. 4.	" " " " " " " ...	237.40
Total		\$6,645.87
1894.	CR.	
July 11.	By interest paid on coupons.....	\$ 24.26
Oct. 26.	By coupons paid.....	900.00
1895.		
Jan. 8.	By amount paid on mortgage bonds.....	4,290.00
16.	" " " coupons.....	710.00
"	" " " recording paper.....	75
18.	" " " insurance.....	85.00
Jan. 20.	" " " " " " "	100.00
Nov. 4.	" " " " " " "	132.50—\$6,242.51
Balance on hand.....		\$ 403.36

HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

1894.	DR	
June 29.	To balance as per last report.....	\$ 126.73
1895.		
April 25.	To amount coll. on loan (\$250 prin. \$87.11 interest,).....	337.11
Nov. 1.	To amount coll. on loan, interest	46.10
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		\$ 509.84

1894.	CR.	
July 7.	By amount paid for college catalogues ..	\$ 105 00
1895.		
July 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “ ..	105 00—\$210.00
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Balance on hand..... \$299.84
 Amount of this fund now at interest \$1,150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE F. ENSLEN, Treasurer.

The above report has been examined and found correct.

J. M. DAVIDSON, Auditor.

16. M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, was granted further time until associational reports can be received to complete the statistical table, for publication in minutes.

17. G. A. Hornady, chairman, read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Alabama Baptists, as constituents of the Southern Baptist Convention, are urged to sustain, by their prayers, and by their contributions of money, the work of the Home Mission Board.

Surely the appeal should not be in vain; for the Board, if not a tree of our own planting, had its nursery home on Alabama soil. Here in our midst, while but a young and tender shoot, it was planted by the Southern Baptist Convention; here under the genial rays of the summer sun of Christian love it grew on and on, watered by the tears of God's people and sustained by the strong props of their hopeful and helpful sympathy. Here, too, when beaten upon by the adverse winds of opposition, and exposed to the wintry blasts of a cold criticism, it took deeper root and began to give promise of much fruit.

Men judge a tree by its fruits. This too, is the Bible rule of judgment.

Let us look to see what manner of tree the Home Board is, and if it is bearing good fruit let us resolve that we will dig about it and

so fertilize it with our prayers, and with our money that it shall bear more fruit. That it is of sturdy stock is evidenced by the fact, that, though uprooted and transplanted to another soil, it has never ceased to grow with the years and has developed at length into a great tree with wide spreading branches whereon is found much fruit to the honor and glory of God.

The report of the Home Mission Board at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention sets forth such an array of facts and figures as establishes beyond controversy that its work is not in vain, and that Southern Baptists are endorsing that work.

During the last convention year, ending April 30th, 1895, it has had in its employ 425 missionaries, an increase of 44 over the preceding year and more than in any year of the Board's history.

As a result of their labors 5,921 were baptized, 6,519 were received by letter, and the year closed with a net gain, after subtracting all losses by dismission, death, and otherwise, of 10,564 added to the churches on its mission fields.

Two thousand one hundred and ten Sunday Schools were organized, 178 churches constituted, and 52 houses of worship erected.

To enable it to prosecute its work the contributions to the Home Board, for the year, amounted to \$76,523 18. Of this amount Alabama Baptists contributed \$5,218.00, an increase over the previous year of more than \$1,000.00.

While the receipts of the Board last year were larger than ever before, except in the "Centennial year," do they meet the measure of our duty to foster and sustain its work?

When we consider the scope of its work and the extent of the field which it is, under God, to cultivate with the ploughshare of the gospel, have we prayed to the Lord of the harvest as we ought to have prayed, that he would send more laborers? And have we given of our money as we ought to have given to help on the answer to our prayers? It is no child's play but a work of solemn responsibility which the Home Board has committed to it, and it looks to us to bear our part of the responsibility.

Thousands and tens of thousands of emigrants from foreign shores are coming year by year to America. Thirteen per cent. of those who come are wholly illiterate, and a very large per cent. of them have no knowledge of the English language. More than all, these foreigners are, as a rule, destitute of morals and religion. Many of them are finding homes in the larger cities of the south and if they shall have the benefit of a pure gospel it will be through the work of the Home Board. Their evangelization will depend largely upon that which we loyally do or undutifully leave undone.

The work among the Indians is making gratifying progress, and there is encouragement in the statement that in the Indian Territory

and in Oklahoma we now have more than three hundred churches with an aggregate membership of nearly 14,000.

For good and sufficient reason, the Home Board concluded to make no effort during the past year to extend its work among the negroes. This conclusion was reached not only on account of a lack of funds, but also because there was in contemplation the co-operation of the Home Mission Society of New York with our Home Board in this work. The arrangement for this work has been made, and we are assured by those most intimately acquainted with the facts that "when plans are perfected and co-operation fully established, there will be the beginning of a new era."

Reports from our cause in Cuba show continued prosperity and growth. Plans for enlarging the work there were under consideration by the Board, but these have been, of necessity, deferred to a more propitious time.

The present war in Cuba, while demanding a suspension of plans for the enlargement of our Mission work there, is serving to prove the loyalty and test the faithfulness of those who represent our cause in that island. Let us hope and pray that it shall result in such conditions as shall insure to the people freedom of thought and speech, the right of self-government, and the privilege of worshipping God in purity and simplicity.

Last of all, but not least, we come to speak of the work of the Home Mission Board among our native white population.

That there is an appalling amount of ignorance and destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, among those who are to the manor born, is a statement which none will attempt to gainsay. The greatest mission field, both as to numbers and importance, is found among our native white population.

Evangelize these, and who can tell what an impulse would be given to the mission cause all over the earth?

Answers from the Corresponding Secretaries of the State Mission Boards of eight States, in response to questions from the Home Board show that in order to supply the destitution in those eight States there would be needed 1,392 missionaries, \$480,000.00 to support them on the field, and about an equal amount for church building purposes.

These are startling figures and should stir us up to a sense of duty as we have never been stirred before.

In the report of the special committee on "White Population of the South," as it appears in the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, we find this significant statement: "They need broader Christian education, which would make them potent helpers in the salvation of the world. This dense population must have educated, consecrated teachers and preachers, and the Home Board must greatly aid in supplying them."

Where are the "educated preachers" who are to meet the demands of the hour?

Many, very many of that class of people, to whom reference is made in the report quoted from, are to be found in our own State.

There are in Alabama more than 1200 ordained Baptist preachers. Not more than one fourth of these are educated, and yet we take it for granted that the other three-fourths are called of God to preach the gospel. This large majority of our preachers are the ones who are to minister to those who are in the destitute portions of our State. They cannot be sent to our colleges, they are unable to go to our Theological Seminary, how are they to be fitted for their work? The answer to the question seems to us to be, by going to them with an extended hand of helpfulness, by holding institutes for their instruction. Let our State Board in conjunction with our Home Board do this work, and great good will result.

If we are to reach the masses of our people and bring them into closer touch with our denominational interests, we must get nearer to their chosen leaders. "Like people, like priest." Help the preachers and the people are helped.

Neglect the preacher and the influence of that neglect is made manifest in the people. If even one-fourth of our uneducated preachers in the State of Alabama could be trained under this system, we believe that, within a short space of time, the increased contributions to the two Boards from their fields would be far in excess of the expense.

The Home Board, together with our State Board, has supported a work for the training of the negro preachers in our State. It was a much needed work and has doubtless resulted in good.

We do not mean to criticize that which the Boards have done in the way of helpfulness to these; but we would suggest that, even as a question of policy, it would be the part of wisdom to cultivate and help, by all possible means, those of our own preachers who need development, and whose lines of work are all in sympathy with the State, Home and Foreign Boards.

We recommend that the plan of institute work be adopted by the Home and State Boards as a joint work in this State among our white preachers.

G. A. HORNADY,

J. G. LOWREY.

The portion of the report referring to the Ministers' Institutes was referred to the special committee on the subject, and action on the report was postponed until Friday night.

18. Special committees to report at this session were appointed by the President as follows:

Collections—D. W. Ramsey, A. S. Smith, S. J. Catts.

Nominations—Josephus Shackelford, L. O. Dawson, H. H. Brown, I. A. White, J. G. Bow.

Time and Place—B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Cloud, Geo. W. Ellis.

Ways and Means—Z. D. Roby, W. M. Burr, J. H. Curry, W. C. Bledsoe, R. E. Pettus.

Orphanage—W. C. Ward, Abner Williams, W. M. Harris.

Colportage—J. H. Curry, J. H. Fendley, J. B. Powell.

Ministers' Institutes—J. P. Shaffer, S. O. Y. Ray, J. J. Taylor, A. E. Burns J. G. Lowrey.

Evangelistic Work—J. P. Shaffer, B. H. Crumpton, Josephus Shackelford.

Missionary Pastors—J. H. Foster, W. H. DeWitt, J. M. Fortune.

Ministerial Education—W. C. Ward, B. F. Ellis, W. B. Carter.

Finance—M. A. Keith, G. W. Ellis, F. M. Stillwell.

19. H. R. Schramm addressed the Convention regarding the book, whereupon it was on motion of J. A. French,

Resolved, That we heartily commend to the brotherhood "Riley's History of Baptists in Alabama," which covers the period of our history in the State, and we express the hope that it may find wide circulation through the hands of the agents representing it.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

20. The Special Committee, through J. H. Foster, Chairman, submitted

REPORT ON MISSIONARY PASTORS.

We, the Committee, approve the work done and contemplated by the Board and would emphasize the need of putting missionary pastors in our centers of population.

J. H. FOSTER,
W. H. DEWITT,
J. M. FORTUNE,
Committee.

The subject was spoken to by W. S. Brown, and the report was adopted.

21. J. P. Shaffer, Chairman, read the

REPORT ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of that part of the report of the State Board of Missions touching Evangelistic Work, beg to say that we regard Evangelistic Work with interest and favor. We believe that it has heretofore been the most successful department of our work. We believe that in attempting to unify the Baptists of the State, and to bring them into loving and powerful co-operation that we must rely upon Evangelistic Work as the most effectual means to accomplish that end.

We respectfully recommend that the Evangelistic Work of the Convention shall be continued and enlarged, if necessary.

As to changes in the manner and measure of the work, if any shall be deemed necessary, we recommend that the same shall be suggested by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. SHAFFER,
JOS. SHACKELFORD,
B. H. CRUMPTON.

A. E. Burns, J. J. Taylor and W. B. Crumpton discussed the subject, and the report was adopted.

22. C. S. Dinkins, President of the Selma University, briefly addressed the Convention concerning its work, and invited the Convention to send a committee to visit the institution. A committee was ordered and the President appointed J. G. Harris, D. W. Ramsey and A. J. Preston.

23. W. C. Ward, Chairman, read the report on Ministerial Education. It was discussed by W. B. Crumpton and J. J. Taylor, and went over as unfinished business. (See item 52.)

24. H. H. Harris addressed the Convention in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and received subscriptions for the Students' Aid Fund.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

25. The Convention sermon was preached by A. W. McGaha from the text, 2 Kings 6:8-23.

26. Vice President Mell being in the chair, J. H. Curry, chairman, submitted the

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee, commend this work to the favorable consideration of the brotherhood throughout the State, and urge the State Board of Missions to put forth the largest possible efforts to supply a suitable Colporter in each Association within the bounds of our Convention.

It is the opinion of your committee that this work can best be conducted by the Executive Committee of each Association in conjunction with the State Board of Missions.

J. H. CURRY,
J. H. FENDLEY,
J. B. POWELL.

The subject was discussed by J. P. Shaffer and the report was adopted.

27. W. B. Crumpton made an appeal for the Greensboro church building and secured several subscriptions and the promise of sundry collections.

THURSDAY MORNING.

28. Devotional Exercises were conducted by H. H. Shell.

29. A telegram was received from Alabama students at the Seminary reading: "Greeting: Read Numbers 6:24-26," to which, at request of President, J. G. Bow responded: "Read 1 Tim. 4:12-16."

30. The young ladies, students of the Judson Female Institute, came in a body from Marion and were presented to the Convention.

31. The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was discussed by J. V. Dickinson, E. B. Teague, J. B. Hawthorne, W. C. Ward, B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor, Josephus Shackelford, W. D. Gay, H. H. Brown, and A. W. McGaha, the last named receiving subscriptions for paying the interest on the bonded debt, and the report was ordered printed in the minutes.

32. The report of Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute was discussed by I. A. White, H. H.

Harris, J. M. Frost, S. W. Averett and J. B. Lovelace, and the report was ordered printed in the proceedings.

33. The Convention was addressed by C. C. Bitting concerning the interests of the American Baptist Publication Society.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

34. The courtesy of the floor was extended to ministers of the city of other denominations.

35. J. A French, chairman, read the

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Grateful as the fragrance of summer flowers are the names of the women who ministered to Jesus of their substance and who labored with Paul in the gospel. Their true successors are the Christian women who have organized themselves into Missionary and Aid Societies, in these latter days, that they may the better keep pace with the progressive character of the work attempted.

The earliest effort to organize women for missionary work in foreign lands was made in London in 1834, resulting in what is known as Zenana Missions. The influence of the movement extended to the United States and was first felt in the great cities of the North. Gradually it has grown until it now pervades all denominations of Christians and all sections of our common country. That the hand of God is in the movement is evident from the increased interest in the heaven-appointed work of missions and the enlarged contributions from this specific source.

Confining our observations to our own denomination, we gratefully record the establishment of the Mission Rooms in Baltimore, the publication and distribution of thousands of missionary pamphlets, tracts, leaflets and prayer cards, the sending out of numberless mite barrels, Christmas envelopes, etc.; the sending of boxes to our frontier missionaries and the establishment of the annual missionary day among the children, besides much work done in the home churches.

Eight years ago the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized. In 1888 the contribution was \$21,000; in 1889 \$30,000; in 1890, \$31,000; in 1891, \$39,000; in 1892, \$44,000; in 1893, (Centennial year), \$62,000; in 1894, \$45,000; and in 1895, \$48,000—a gradual increase continually, except the Centennial year, when special effort and special offerings were made. In addition, at the Southern convention in Dallas last year, the Union pledged \$5,000 above regular offerings, to the debt of the Foreign Mission Board, which was more than paid. A Christmas offering was

requested for China and \$3,454.73 was the result. Last spring the Union profoundly sympathizing with the Home Board's needs instituted a week of self denial, and it is estimated that over \$5,000 was thus brought into the treasury. The boxes of supplies sent to frontier missionaries during the year were worth \$12,871.80 and 224 families were thus assisted. In all these efforts our Alabama women bore a noble part. It is suggested by the Union that our women's societies raise during the conventional year 1895-96 for Foreign Missions \$30,000, and for Home Missions \$25,000, both sums to include the results of all special efforts, such as children's day, the Christmas offering, frontier boxes and the week of self denial. Of this sum the Alabama societies are asked to contribute for Home Missions \$1,600 and for Foreign Missions \$1,500—only a few hundred more than they gave last year.

Your committee respectfully urges on all pastors the importance of forming Women's Mission Societies in their churches and of full co-operation in this noble work, and further, the importance of supplying themselves, their churches and societies, with the missionary literature to be procured at the Baptist Mission Rooms, No. 9, W. Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

We cannot close this report without expressing the deep sense of loss we feel that our woman's work in Alabama has sustained through the removal of Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, of Birmingham, so long the efficient and devoted president of the Central Committee. While regretting our loss, we rejoice that to hands so willing and heart so consecrated as those of Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Vice President, the work was committed. It may be said in all sincerity of her and her faithful co-laborers, they have done what they could.

J. A. FRENCH,
H. R. SCHRAMM,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by J. L. Thompson and the report adopted.

36. W. C. Ward, chairman, presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The report made by the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home at Evergreen discloses to the Convention a most successful management. The management of the Orphan's Home is conservative and its success is wonderful in the difficult times through which we are passing. The support of the Orphanage is commended to the sympathy and consideration of God's people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WARD, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by L. M. Bradley, J. W. Stewart and S. O. Y. Ray, and the above report was adopted, and the report of the Board of Trustees was ordered printed in the minutes.

37. Wm. A. Davis, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance is gratified to report that the recent General Assembly of the State increased prohibition territory in Alabama by adding St. Clair County, and twenty smaller divisions of land, and strengthened the general law on the subject by providing that "upon trial for violating liquor laws, it shall be competent evidence to prove that the defendant has obtained a United States license, and parol evidence of existence of United States license may be received," and the law applicable to prohibition in the town of Louisville was made stricter.

The Committee regrets the defeat of a general prohibition law, though such proposed act received good support, and the failure to amend the statutes which allows the issuance of license upon the consent of only twenty men.

This law is unworthy of government by a majority, and effort should never cease until it is amended so as to require at least the consent of a majority of freeholders, who are householders, in the region affected. The general outlook for the Temperance cause shows a marked advance. The demonstration in New York city of the fact that prohibition on Sunday does prohibit is an object lesson of incalculable benefit to the cause.

The position of this Convention needs no further emphasizing. We can only express the wish for a larger influence exerted at the polls, believing that only sober men and officers who are in sympathy with prohibition, should receive the support of Christian voters. We can expect nothing better out of the ballot box than we put in.

We recommend that any member of this Convention who is present at Washington, D C., at the National Anti-Saloon Convention on December 17, 18, 19, 1895, be authorized to represent this Convention in that body.

WM. A. DAVIS,
I. A. WHITE,
M. M. WOOD,
W. B. CRUMPTON,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by J. G. Bow, J. G. Harris, J. T. Caine and H. R. Schramm, and the report was adopted.

38. John G. Harris, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELMA UNIVERSITY.

In compliance with your instructions, and in response to a cordial invitation of Dr. Dinkins, President of the Baptist college for colored people, located in this city (Selma), we, the undersigned committee, visited said institution and ascertained these facts: The number of pupils, of both sexes, is 175; teachers 7. It is our opinion that the school is doing a great work for those entrusted to its care in educating their intellectual, moral and religious forces. We were highly pleased with the discipline maintained. The Bible is taught daily, and is made one of the studies in the curriculum.

Your committee were informed by the President that during the the past eleven months individuals and churches of the colored people of Alabama have contributed to this school in money \$1970.00. We say well done; under the circumstances this is a liberal contribution.

Let our white Baptists in the State encourage this work in every way possible, and we believe the race question will properly adjust itself to the existing conditions.

JNO. G. HARRIS.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

39. Vice President H. S. D. Mallory in the chair, R. E. Pettus, chairman, read

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The world in its rapid growth towards development is accomplishing perhaps more to-day than ever before in its history. In many forms, in hundreds of ways, we read the steady growth of humanity in refinement, culture and facilities for amassing immense fortunes. Shall we not as true Christians see to it that our Master's cause does not lag?

We, as Baptists, claim the high distinction of having originated the plan of sending the gospel to the heathen, but not since God put it into the heart of William Carey, over an hundred years ago, to carry the gospel to the millions who knew not the true and living God, or, I might say, since the Apostolic age, has there been a time which called louder for self-sacrifice on the part of Christian people than the present, that they may, in God's name, be instrumental in the salvation of a world that yet lieth in wickedness. We yet need pioneers, men who are willing to go beyond the foundations laid by others, and to build anew. It is comparatively easy to do what is done by the ordinary Christian when his environments are pleasant and his surroundings congenial. The Eastern proverb says: "Time and

patience change the mulberry into silk!" And thus it is with our foreign mission work. Persistent labor and faith in God by holy men will eventually break down the barriers of sin, superstition and idolatry. It should be said of our denomination, which the Master has so wonderfully blessed since the inauguration of this noble work down to the present time, that we stand united, firm and loyal

"To carry forth the Lord's command
In this and every other land."

The marked increase in the contributions for foreign missions in the associations in most parts of the State during the past few months is most gratifying, but we must yet make long strides in this direction ere we approximate the duties devolving upon us.

From the report on Foreign Missions made at the last Southern Baptist Convention, we find that Italy, Brazil and Mexico constitute the Papal missions of this board.

Brother George B. Taylor, our missionary at Rome, and Brother J. H. Eager, at Florence, Italy, under so many difficulties, report progress in their fields of labor. Dr. Taylor, in his report, says: "A forward step has been taken, but let there be no illusions, for, apart from a very great increase in our membership, the payment of the salaries of evangelists, and in the cities of the rent of locales, must remain but a hope for the distant future; the most liberal giving on the part of these small churches, composed of poor people often out of work, would not begin to pay the salaries of the evangelists, or in the large cities the rent of the locales." Baptisms reported during the last year 28; members, 353.

In Brazil Brethren W. B. Bagby, Z. C. Taylor and others are doing most valuable work. Brother Bagby says: "The year past has been one of hard toil and much seed-sowing, with some reaping and substantial progress for our cause in South Brazil. The crushing out of the revolution in March opened the way for a renewal of our efforts for evangelizing at various points in Rio Janeiro." Baptisms reported, 133; members, 610.

As missionaries in Mexico brethren W. D. Powell, A. B. Rudd, A. C. Watkins, H. P. McCormick and others report the work in some parts as growing rapidly. Brother Rudd says the Saltillo church has called a native pastor, and is supporting him without help from the Board, and already other churches are moving in the same direction. Baptisms, 226; members, 1,120. The Pagan Fields operated in by our Board are Japan, Africa and China. Our missionaries in Japan are brethren J. W. McCollum, E. N. Walne and N. Maynard and their wives. Brother Walne says: "While we report the same number of baptisms this year as last we feel that this has been the best year in the history of the mission. Two of those baptized were educated men who are already making themselves very useful in the

work." Brother McCollum says : "Our opportunities are numberless, work is only limited by the strength and number of workers. Our one united plea is for men to preach the gospel to the perishing millions." Baptisms reported, 6; members, 40.

In Africa we have fifteen missionaries and assistants. Brother C. E. Smith says:

"You will see that as to baptisms, our work is increasingly prosperous. I think too that the Christians in all our churches have increased very much in spirituality and efficiency." The contributions by the natives are also increasing. Received by baptism, 67; members 239. In China "the dark continent," our three score and ten missionaries and assistants are raising the banner of the blessed Redeemer with more earnestness than ever before. Brother Peyton Stephens says in his report : "The gospel is mightily moving the hearts of the people. We know God has called us here, and that He will use us abundantly for His service." Baptisms, 118; members, 1131.

At the beginning of the present century all Christendom was giving comparatively nothing for Foreign Missions and the number of missionaries were so few in number that they could all have dined off one table. It is encouraging to those who view the missionary from the standpoint of the Christian to know that missionary churches have not only been established in India, China, Japan, Africa, but everywhere else where the heathen dwell, and that all these churches have for communicants men and women who a little while ago were heathen. It is a matter of jubilation in the churches that in the heathen countries of the world, 1,100,000 are members of Christian churches, and that three times as many have put themselves under the teachings of the missionaries. But there is another side to the story. Think of the heathen who are left. For illustration notice that in so small a space even as that embraced between the Himalayas and Cape Comorin are found one-fifth of the earth's inhabitants. There are in this small territory 175,000,000 Hindus, 50,000,000 Mohammedans, 50,000,000 devil worshippers. More than 250,000,000 are unable to read and write. Appalling ignorance and superstition hold the mass of this great population. Out of all the churches in this region but 2,275,000 are attached to the Christian church. In China all the Christian churches claim membership of about 45,000. What are 45,000 among 350,000,000? So it is all over the heathen world. The missionaries have made only a beginning so far as the real work they have at heart is concerned. The portals of all nations are now thrown open to receive the Christian missionaries, and now the triumph of the kingdom awaits only the exercise of the power committed to the church. Oh! that men would accept the testimony of Christ, touching the blessedness of giving! He who sacrifices most, loves most, and he who gives most, is most blessed. Brethren, while these heathen nations are calling to us to send them the gospel of salvation

will we not heed? Perhaps this is a God-given opportunity, and if we disregard it, he may pour out his wrath upon us as he always has done on a wicked and perverse generation. Oh! for that abiding faith that so beautifully characterized Caleb when he said: "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." "Ask of me," says the Master, "and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

We cannot close this report without commending the good women for the conspicuous place they have taken in our denomination as workers in foreign fields and at home. For the past year, in this State, they have paid for Foreign Missions, \$1,215.84. As wives and workers on foreign fields no class of people on the face of the earth is more self-sacrificing and consecrated.

As a means of awakening, instructing and augmenting the interest of our people in the work of Foreign Missions, we most heartily recommend that Mission Campaign Committees be sent out by all the Associations in the State to hold mission rallies from time to time until the whole State is aroused to a sense of its duty in regard to this great work.

Since the last meeting of this Convention, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field have been consolidated. Under the new management, a far better Mission Journal will doubtless be furnished the denomination. Let all rally to its support and thus provide our people with another admirable means of advancing the work of Missions.

Faternally submitted,

R. E. PETTUS.

The subject was discussed by W. M. Harris and E. Y. Mulins and the report adopted.

40. J. B. Hawthorne addressed the Convention on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society and regarding the proposed organization of a Southern Baptist Young People's Union and was followed by A. J. Dickinson with a speech on the latter topic.

41. The President appealed to the delegates to remain over during the entire last day and properly finish the work of the convention.

FRIDAY MORNING.

42. Devotional exercises were led by A. R. Hardy.

43. The resignation of W. C. Ward as a Trustee of Howard College was read and referred to Committee on Nominations.

44. The Committee on Ways and Means by Z. D. Roby chairman, submitted the report, which was discussed by W.M. Burr, Z. D. Roby, J. J. Taylor, H.H. Brown, J. R. Stodghill, A. J. Dickinson, P. H. Mell, J. V. Dickinson, E. B. Teague, J. G. Harris, W. R. Whatley and J. Shackelford. Various amendments were adopted: paragraph No. 1 being substituted by a unanimous vote for the committee's recommendation to purchase the paper at a satisfactory price; the one inserting THE ALABAMA BAPTIST in paragraph No. 4, on a division, by a vote of 40 to 30; and the report was adopted, as amended, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The fuller and further co-operation of our pastors and churches in Alabama is the object for which your Committee is expected to suggest Ways and Means.

Remembering that our 110,000 members in their 1,650 churches, composing 76 associations are scattered over the more than 50,000 square miles of Alabama, you see that ours is no small task. Bear also in mind, that, after all the Ways and Means devised in the past, of all this host of members, churches and associations, not more than one-seventh are actively co-operating in the work of our common Lord. Your Committee modestly recommend:

1. That the Convention relinquish any right or title to THE ALABAMA BAPTIST and hereby transfer said newspaper absolutely to John G. Harris, and the Board of Directors is instructed to convey the same to him in fee simple.

2. That the State Board of Missions be instructed to continue missionary pastoral work, only in such places and for such time, as the actual needs and prospects of the fields may justify.

3. That the State Board of Missions be instructed to employ not less than six men to do the work of Evangelists, in as many several districts of the State, the limits of which districts shall be determined by the Board, provided means can be secured for their support.

4. That the State Board of Missions through its Secretary, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, Missionary Pastors and Evangelists urge upon the Associations the importance of employing, each for itself, a Colporter Missionary to labor within their bounds.

5. That the State Board of Missions be instructed to secure, if possible, the co-operation of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the employment of a suitable man to hold Preachers' Institutes throughout the State.

Your Committee call the special attention of all our associations to the great importance of Fifth Sunday meetings. Rightly located

and otherwise properly provided for, these meetings will prove one of the *very best* means for securing hearty co-operation among the churches and pastors. Respectfully submitted,

Z. D. ROBY,
W. C. BLED SOE,
W. M. BURR,
R. E. PETTUS,
J. H. CURRY.

45. The Secretary read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are less than eight hundred Sunday Schools in Alabama with less than forty thousand pupils enrolled. This, too, while the membership of our churches is more than 110,000 souls. This state of things, while much more gratifying than in former years, is far from being what it ought to be. How can the number of Sunday Schools be increased and how can we enlist our churches in this great work, is one of the questions that ought to be prayerfully considered by this Convention. Let the work be pushed until in every church and school house in the land, where it is possible, we have a Sunday School organized. This work must be done, if done at all, by the pastors of our State. We ought to have a great awakening on this subject in many parts. Let our pastors and colporters and evangelists and other lovers of this great work give special attention to this feature. Your Committee heartily commend the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as the very best for our churches and Sunday Schools. It is with pleasure we note the great success of this Board in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. RAY.

After remarks by J. M. Frost the report was adopted.

46. H. L. Morehouse, Secretary of Home Mission Society of New York, addressed the Convention on the plan of co-operation between that Society and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, whereupon it was, on motion of W. C. Cleveland, Vice President Mell, presiding,

Resolved, That the convention heartily endorses the commendation by the State Board of Missions in its report of the plan of co-operation proposed by the Home Mission Society of New York and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention jointly with the white and colored conventions of Alabama, for the education and the evangelization of the negroes.

47. J. Shackelford, chairman, submitted the report on Nominations, which was discussed by B. H. Crumpton, A. W. McGaha, W. A. Hobson, I. A. White, Z. D. Roby, P. H. Mell and J. B. Hawthorne, and, after amendment, was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations recommend the following persons for the positions assigned to each:

State Board of Missions—To succeed those whose term expires in 1895 : G. W. Ellis, R. E. Pettus, A. J. Dickinson, W. M. Burr, J. A. French, T. L. Jones, L. O. Dawson. (Five to be a quorum.)

Central Committee on Woman's Work—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice-President; Mrs. I. C. Brown, Secretary; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer.

Trustees of Howard College—To succeed those whose term expires in 1895 : A. W. Bell, J. H. Eubank, W. T. Smith, J. W. Minor, H. H. Brown, B. D. Gray, S. W. Welch, M. B. Neece ; and to fill vacancy : W. B. Crumpton in place of J. M. McKleroy, deceased

The convention records its gratification with the administration of W. C. Ward, as president of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, and urges him not to insist on his resignation.

Trustees of Judson Female Institute—To succeed those whose term expires in 1895 : J. A. Frazier, B. T. Eley ; and to fill vacancy. J. S. Knight in place of J. C. Bush, resigned.

Trustees of Orphanage—Terms expiring 1897 : Z. D. Roby, John Cunningham, J. C. Bush ; 1899 : J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, C. L. Gay ; 1901 : Geo. R. Farnham, P. M. Bruner. P. T. Hale. (Terms to be six years hereafter.)

Delegates to American Baptist Educational Society—A. W. McGaha, R. C. Jones, J. T. Murfee, S. W. Averett, Geo. B. Eager, B. D. Gray, Jos. Shackelford, J. G. Harris, W. C. Ward, P. H. Mell, H. C. Gilbert.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Jonathan Haralson, R. C. Jones, W. C. Ward, Wm. A. Davis, E. B. Teague, W. B. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor, A. W. McGaha, J. C. Bush, H. H. Shell, J. W. Stewart, G. R. Farnham, W. M. Harris, S. J. Catts, Geo. B. Eager, T. L. Jones, J. G. Harris, W. D. Gay, G. W. Townsend, L. M. Bradley, W. M. Burr, N. C. Underwood, J. G. Bow, W. B. Carter, H. R. Schramm, Z. D. Roby, P. H. Mell, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter, A. S. Smith, Geo. E. Brewer, J. A. French, L. Law, J. G. Lowrey, A. J. Dickinson, S. W. Averett, L. O. Dawson, B. D. Gray, M. M. Wood, P. T. Hale, J.

H. Foster, Jr., J. L. Thompson, A. E. Burns, W. S. Brown, Oscar Haywood, A. L. Moody, R. T. Wear, Virgil Bouldin, R. M. Hunter, J. B. Small, I. A. White, W. J. Elliott, W. M. Blackwelder, W. A. Parker, J. A. Glenn, D. W. Ramsey, W. T. Smith, J. V. Dickinson, G. S. Anderson, J. Bass Shelton, H. H. Brown, W. H. Simmons, W. W. Lee, A. F. Dix, J. H. Curry, A. R. Hardy, Law Lamar, H. S. D. Mallory, Louis Johnson, Hiram Hawkins, R. G. Patrick, W. A. Hobson, W. R. Ivey, W. W. Harris, R. E. Pettus, J. D. Cook, J. B. Appleton, J. W. Dickinson, J. W. Willis, H. L. Martin, J. M. Roden, S. O. Y. Ray, R. P. Whitman, W. T. Roberts, W. L. Culbertson, M. B. Neece, R. H. Folmar, H. C. Hurley, B. H. Crumpton.

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD,
H. H. BROWN,
L. O. DAWSON,
I. A. WHITE,
J. G. BOW,

Committee.

(The remainder of the report is in proper place on second page of cover.)

48. On the subject of Young People's Unions, the Convention was addressed by P. H. Mell and W. H. Merritt.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

49. Standing committees to report at next session were appointed by the President as names appear on the second page of cover.

50. B. H. Crumpton, Chairman, presented the Report on Time and Place. It was discussed by W. M. Burr, W. H. Simmons, R. E. Pettus, W. W. Harris, B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor and W. B. Crumpton. A motion by W. M. Burr to substitute Dothen as the place, was lost on a division by 22 to 38, as was one by J. A. French without a division to meet on Wednesday, and without change the Convention adopted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

The Committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session be held with the First Church at Huntsville, beginning on Friday (6th), before the second Sunday in November, 1896, continuing

five days; that J. G. Bow preach the Introductory Sermon, with W. M. Burr, as alternate; and that the program be arranged by a committee consisting of Oscar Haywood, B. D. Gray, R. E. Pettus, J. L. Thompson and W. S. Brown.

Fraternally submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON,
GEO. W. ELLIS,
J. J. CLOUD,

Committee.

51. J. P. Shaffer, chairman, submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' INSTITUTES.

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the State Board of Missions touching Institute work as prosecuted by G. S. Anderson, beg to report favorably concerning the same, and recommend to the State Board of Missions that the request coming to the Board from Associations, Ministers' Institutes and brethren be respected and sanctioned, and that Institute work be inaugurated as a part of the regular work of the Board, and that the Home Mission Board be requested to unite with our Board in prosecuting it as a joint work. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. SHAFFER,
J. J. TAYLOR,
S. O. Y. RAY,
A. E. BURNS,
J. G. LOWREY.

52. The report on Ministerial Education (item 23) was discussed by J. J. Taylor, A. W. McGaha and W. B. Crumpton, and amended, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee having in charge so much of the report of State Board of Missions as relates to ministerial education, submit the following report:

The large number of young men now in Howard College studying with the purpose of entering the ministry, while one of the most encouraging features in Baptist progress, calls for serious consideration as to the manner of extending aid to such students.

1. The churches ought to be careful in passing upon the call of these young men to the work of the ministry. No church ought to recommend a brother to admission as a ministerial student without enquiring as to his moral character and mental capacity and habits of study, and not to recommend any one whom the church is not willing to aid to the full extent of the ability of the church.

2. As far as possible ministerial students ought to be impressed with the idea that they are to be self-sustaining. Such ought to be aided as are willing to help themselves. Each student aided ought to be willing to return to the Convention when he is able the money he received without interest. Young men have received aid from this Convention who have not gone into the ministry after leaving college.

3. As far as possible, look out for the best young men, in character and mind, who are inclined to the ministry.

W. C. WARD,
B. F. ELLIS,
W. B. CARTER.

After remarks by J. P. Shaffer and J. J. Taylor, the report was adopted.

53. It was

Resolved, That the interests of Howard College be, and are hereby committed entirely to the Board of Trustees, and that they be instructed to report to this body at discretion, provided, that they in no case involve this Convention in debt.

54. It was, on motion of Z. D. Roby,

Resolved, That all Baptist Associations in this State are respectfully urged to represent themselves in the Alabama Baptist State Convention in its next meeting by their Executive Committees and by as many of their pastors as will come.

55. It was, on motion of R. E. Pettus,

Resolved, That the Alabama Baptist State Convention here assembled does most heartily commend Govs. Culberson and Clarke for the bold stand they took to prevent the brutal and degrading prize fight which was announced to take place the 31st day of last month at Dallas, Texas, or Hot Springs, Ark.

56. It was, on motion of L. O. Dawson, after discussion by A. J. Dickinson and H. S. D. Mallory,

Resolved, That the President of the Convention and H. S. D. Mallory, be a committee to examine into the status of certain shares of stock in the Baptist Book Concern standing in the name of the Convention, which stock came through J. R. Sampey, and if it can be done without prejudice to the interests of the Convention, transfer said stock to W. A. Whittle, if J. R. Sampey so requests.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

57. On motion of J. G. Bow, the State Mission Board was authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in its own number.

58. The Convention was addressed on the subject of Home Missions by Oscar Haywood and H. L. Morehouse, and the report was adopted. (Item 17.)

59. On motion of Abner Williams, by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the members of Selma Baptist Church and the citizens of the city who have so hospitably entertained the Convention, and to the railroads for reduced fare to delegates, and to the press for full reports.

60. It was voted to publish the proceedings of the Women's Meeting and Statistics of the Churches in the minutes in a supplementary report to be attached.

61. On motion of H. H. Brown, it was

Resolved, That this Convention gratefully accepts the generous tender to the Baptists of Alabama by Bro. J. G. Harris of the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, for the discussion of questions pertaining to the interests and work of the churches of the State; and

Resolved, That we heartily commend the said ALABAMA BAPTIST to the earnest consideration and support of the denomination, and urge that it should be in every Baptist family in the State.

62. On motion of H. H. Brown, and with remarks by him and Geo. B. Eager, J. P. Shaffer and W. C. Cleveland, by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That it is with regret the convention learns the determination to resign of W. B. Crumpton, for ten years our faithful and efficient Secretary of Missions, and that we lose his services with unmingled feelings of regret, and that our sincere Christian love and prayers will follow him in his future course.

W. B. Crumpton responded to the resolution and made a few remarks.

63. The Convention was briefly addressed by the President, and then adjourned, after prayer by Z. D. Roby, to meet with the First Church at Huntsville, on Friday, 6th, before the Second Sunday in November, 1896.

W. C. CLEVELAND,

President.

WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary,

DELEGATES.

FROM CHURCHES.

- Alexander City*—W. R. Whatley.
Anniston, Parker Memorial—Wm. A. Davis, C. C. Huckabee.
Antioch—J. M. Langston.
Auburn—J. J. Cloud, P. H. Mell.
Birmingham, First—W. D. Dunlap, C. F. Wheelock.
Brewton—L. M. Bradley.
Collirene—J. C. Fortune, J. M. Fortune.
Dadeville—J. P. Shaffer.
Eufaula—J. G. Bow.
Forest Home—J. B. Powell.
Fort Deposit—Sidney J. Catts.
Furman—W. M. Blackwelder, Dabney Palmer.
Gadsden—J. V. Dickinson, A. B. Goodhue.
Greensboro—A. R. Hardy.
Greenville—W. M. Harris, D. N. Nicholson.
Huntsville, Dallas Avenue—W. W. Harris, R. E. Pettus.
Huntsville, First—Oscar Haywood.
Marion, Siloam—S. W. Averett, T. T. Daughdrill, L. L. Lee, J. B. Lovelace, Geo. E. Mize, J. T. Murfee, R. G. Patrick.
Mobile, Palmetto Street—H. H. Shell.
Mobile, St. Frances Street—J. J. Taylor, J. W. Willis.
Monroeville—J. H. Riffe.
Montgomery, Adams Street—E. F. Baber, Geo. W. Ellis, Wm. D. Gay, W. N. Gunter.
Montgomery, Clayton Street—J. L. Thompson.
Montgomery, First—Geo. B. Eager, J. G. Harris, John Bass Shelton.
Montgomery, South—J. B. Collier, C. Johnson.
Opelika—Z. D. Roby.
Orrville—B. F. Ellis, I. A. White.
Oxford—Abner Williams.
Ozark—W. H. Simmons.
Perdue Hill—S. P. Lindsey.
Pine Flat—Geo. M. Parker.
Pratt City—W. S. Eubank, C. S. Lebreu, M. M. Wood.
Prattville—E. E. Gresham.
Ruhama—H. H. Brown, B. F. Giles.
Scottsboro—W. W. Lee.
Selma—A. Broadway, E. M. Byrne, C. C. Cleveland, A. J. Dickinson, H. O. Erwin, A. J. Goodwin, M. A. Keith, E. Lamar, R. J. Lee, H. S. D. Mallory, T. P. McCrary, H. F. Reese, J. F. Savell, F. M. Stillwell, W. L. Ward

Six Mile—J. W. Mitchell.

Talladega—J. A. French.

Tuscaloosa—L. O. Dawson, Richard C. Jones, T. W. Palmer.

Tuskegee—G. A. Hornady.

Union Springs—B. T. Eley.

Wetumpka—W. J. Elliott.

FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Bethel—J. M. Roden.

Bethel, South—S. A. Adams, J. H. Creighton, W. H. DeWitt, J. H. Fendley, Geo. F. Nichols, J. E. Norwood.

Bethlehem—W. A. Locke.

Birmingham—J. H. Foster, Jr., W. A. Hobson, James Hogan, A. W. McGaha, W. C. Ward.

Cahaba—W. M. Caffee, W. B. Crumpton, S. O. Y. Ray.

Columbia—W. M. Burr, W. C. Cleveland.

Conecuh—M. F. Brooks, B. H. Crumpton, E. P. Loveless. Jno. W. Stewart.

Coosa River—J. M. Solley.

Etowah—W. L. Culberson.

Eufaula—Hiram Hawkins, N. C. Underwood.

Florence—W. S. Brown.

Harris—H. R. Schramm.

Judson—R. W. Miller, A. J. Preston.

Liberty, East—W. C. Bledsoe, Arnold S. Smith, J. R. Stodghill.

Liberty, North—A. E. Burns.

Mobile—James M. Hall.

Mussel Shoals—Josephus Shackelford.

New Providence—Wm. Brunson, W. B. Carter.

Pine Barren—W. N. Huckabee, D. W. Ramsey.

Selma—Louis Johnson, W. F. Moseley.

Shelby—Geo. W. Stone, H. Clay Taul, E. B. Teague.

Troy—A. E. Pinckard.

Tuskaloosa—J. H. Curry, L. H. Huff.

Tuskegee—G. S. Anderson.

Union—J. B. Small.

Unity—J. G. Lowrey, R. J. Mitchell.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The Ministers' Conference met preceding the Convention in Selma Baptist Church on Nov. 12, 1895, at 10:30 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by J. F. Savell, and prayer was offered by E. B. Teague. J. P. Shaffer was elected to preside over the meeting, and Arnold S. Smith was elect Secretary.

After Devotional Exercises conducted by J. J. Taylor, W. C. Bledsoe presented a paper on "The Administration of the Holy Spirit in Church Affairs," and Prof. H. H. Harris, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on "Serial Expository Preaching," and J. H. Foster on "The Holy Spirit in Church Worship."

The several papers were then discussed by W. C. Cleveland, W. A. Hobson, J. V. Dickinson, Z. D. Roby and others. I. A. White read a paper on "Correspondence Study of the Bible," and W. C. Cleveland on "Ways and Means of Promoting Fellowship and Co-operation Among the Pastors." Discussed by Z. D. Roby and J. R. Stodghill.

The exercises of the afternoon were introduced by J. B. Powell leading a Devotional Service. A paper on "Sermon Science," was read by G. S. Anderson. Papers then followed on "Duties of Pastor to Denominational Papers," and "Duties of Denominational Papers to Pastors." These were read by N. C. Underwood and John G. Harris respectively.

At night E. B. Teague preached; theme: "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ." Then followed a discussion of "The Relation of the Church to Social Reform," led by Geo. B. Eager, followed by A. J. Dickinson and J. V. Dickinson. On motion of J. A. French, the Moderator appointed Z. D. Roby, J. J. Taylor and W. B. Crumpton, as Committee on Program for the next meeting. The meeting adjourned to meet on the day preceding the Convention in 1896, at such place as the Convention might select.

J. P. SHAFFER,
President.

ARNOLD S. SMITH,
Secretary.

WOMANS' MISSIONARY UNION.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Womans' Missionary Union of Alabama, was held at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., Selma, Ala., November 14th, 1895, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Mrs L. F. Stratton, presiding.

Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Ansley.

The welcome address, by Mrs. A. J. Dickinson, was bright and cordial. Mrs. W. C. Ward and Mrs. L. F. Stratton, of Birmingham, responded in graceful words of thanks.

The Annual Address was made by the Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton.

A review of the year's labors gives cause for thankfulness. The various appeals of the Central Committee have met with a hearty response, and our women have been found ready for every good word and work.

Report of Central committee was read by Mrs. I. C. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, as follows :

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee feels deeply the loss, by removal from the State, of its able President, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton. She was by birth, education and inclination, eminently fitted for this work, being the daughter of Dr. H. A. Tupper, and niece of the lamented Dr. J. P. Boyce. The strength of her mind and character, her remarkable executive ability, her enthusiasm, tempered by a wise conservatism, her energy and consecration, were given to this work ; and its success is largely due to her.

In common with every form of Christian activity, Womans' Work has felt the general depression. Yet progress has been good, and the outlook is encouraging. Some societies have succumbed to "hard times ;" but others are constantly being organized, and the number is larger than that reported last year.

Increased activity and interest among young people is the most hopeful sign of the times.

The same objects engage the attention and care of societies.

The \$500 asked for by the Foreign Mission Board was more than raised.

The "Week of Self Denial" resulted in more than \$500, a gift to the Home Mission Board.

More than twenty letters from the frontier have been furnished to societies, and many valuable boxes have already been sent to missionaries' families.

The women of the State are supporting Miss Willie Kelley in Canton, China; and the women of Birmingham Association sustain Miss Anna P. Hartwell in Tung Chow, China.

The Christmas offering is asked for China.

Letters written.....	1,917
Postal cards written.....	56
Letters received	1,023
Postal cards received.....	37
Packages literature distributed.....	384
Pages of such literature (about).....	17,000
Mite barrels furnished.....	115

MRS. I. C. BROWN,
Corresponding Secretary.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow, her report was read by Mrs. H. M. Mellen, as follows :

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 50	
" " Home "	2 50—	5 00

BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	596 87½	
" " Home "	646 49½	
" " State "	129 92	
" " Church Aid	1,361 96—	2,735 25

BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	216 71	
" " Home "	59 76	
" " State "	340 05	
" " Church Aid	343 50—	960 02

COOSA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	20 46	
" " Home "	16 16	
" " State "	37 24	
" " Church Aid	155 15—	2,290 01

CALHOUN ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	107	55	
“ “ Home “	238	86	
“ “ State “	29	50	
“ “ Church Aid	20	00—	395 91

CONECUH ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	157	34	
“ “ Home “	341	54	
“ “ State “	107	42	
“ “ Church Aid	379	66—	985 96

CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	14	57	
“ “ Home “	6	00	
“ “ State “	2	35	
“ “ Church Aid	3	75—	26 67

EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	20	02	
“ “ Home “	47	85	
“ “ State “	27	50	
“ “ Church Aid	80	00—	175 37

ETOWAH ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	59	00	
“ “ Home “	51	00	
“ “ State “	23	00	
“ “ Church Aid	194	00—	327 00

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	74	57	
“ “ Home “	28	44	
“ “ State “	53	50	
“ “ Church Aid	38	00—	194 51

FLORENCE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	9	00	
“ “ Home “	26	90	
“ “ State “	11	36	
“ “ Church Aid	233	35—	280 61

HAW RIDGE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Church Aid	15	50—	15 50
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HARRIS ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	47 66		
“ “ Home “	82 71		
“ “ State “	67 68		
“ “ Church Aid	215 33—	413 38	

MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	213 04		
“ “ Home “	94 45		
“ “ State “	28 00		
“ “ Church Aid	1 00—	336 49	

MOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....\$	6 20		
“ “ “ Home “	71 00		
“ “ “ State “	16 50		
“ “ “ Church aid.....	276 50—\$	370 20	

NORTH LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	8 00		
“ “ “ Home “	3 65—	11 65	

NEWTON ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	15 00		
“ “ “ Home “	2 00		
“ “ “ State “	20 00—	37 00	

PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Home Missions.....	10 00		
“ “ “ Church aid.....	18 50—	28 50	

SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	7 00		
“ “ “ State “	34 00		
“ “ “ Church aid.....	5 00—	46 00	

SHELBY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	17 65		
“ “ “ Home “	13 50		
“ “ “ State “	8 05		
“ “ “ Church aid.....	3 00—	42 20	

SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	32 00	
“ “ “ Home “	89 25	
“ “ “ State “	42 50	
“ “ “ Church aid	29 75—	193 50

TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	5 00	
“ “ “ Home “	39 45	
“ “ “ State “	12 85—	57 30

TUSCALOOSA ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	3 00—	3 00
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UNION ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to State Missions	72 05	
“ “ “ Church aid	70 00—	142 05

UNITY ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	32 79	
“ “ “ Home “	11 58	
“ “ “ State “	24 70	
“ “ “ Church aid	33 35—	102 42

ZION ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	9 00	
“ “ “ Church aid	13 00—	22 00

NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions	2 00—	2 00
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\$8,138 50

RECAPITULATION.

Total donated Foreign Missions	1,676 93½	
“ “ Home Missions	1,883 09½	
“ “ State Missions	1,088 17	
“ “ Church aid	3,490 30—	\$8,138 50

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE M. MORROW,
Treasurer Central Committee.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 1, 1895.

Mrs. Franklin, Assistant Vice President Birmingham Association, read an excellent report from that Association.

Mrs. H. M. Mellen, made a fine report from Bigbee Association.

Mrs. S. A. Smith gave a most encouraging and suggestive report from Calhoun Association.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions, addressed the ladies, making an earnest appeal for his Board, showing that State missions are the foundation of all missions.

SECOND DAY.

The Union reassembled at 10 o'clock, a. m., November 15th, 1895. Mrs. T. M. Tartt conducted the devotional exercises.

Rev. E. Y. Mullins, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, gave an address of much interest and uncouragement.

Mrs. L. F. Stratton exhibited specimens of the Christmas literature, and urged the ladies to make earnest efforts to swell the Christmas Offering and to observe the Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Franklin showed with feeling and enthusiasm "How to arouse and keep up interest in country churches."

Mrs. I. C. Brown spoke of "Our missionaries," Miss Hartselle and Miss Kelley, and of our obligations to sustain them.

Mrs. Ansley, of the Orphans' Home, spoke for that noble institution. A collection of \$9.75 was given to her to assist in the education of the orphans.

Mrs. W. C. Ward presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That we, representing Woman's Work in Alabama, do hereby request that a written report of the work of the Orphanage, in so far as it is done by the women of the State, be presented at each annual meeting.

Much interest, and an animated discussion of ways and means, were elicited by the questions and answers of the Question Box.

Mrs. S. A. Smith presented a resolution of thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote, to the ladies who had furnished the exquisite music that had added so much interest and enjoyment to the meeting; to the Y. M. C. A., for the use of their elegant rooms, and to the generous people of Selma for their liberal and graceful hospitality. "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again," was sung, and Mrs. Stratton closed the meeting with earnest prayer.

	MRS. L. F. STRATTON,
MRS. I. C. BROWN,	Vice-President.
Corresponding Secretary.	

List of Ordained Baptist Ministers in Alabama.

Please Report Needed Corrections to M. M. Wood,
Pratt City, Ala.

Abbott, F W Pollard	Barnett, J R. Samantha
Acker, Solomon, Fairview	Barrett, J M, Anniston
Adams, A, Hanceville	Barrett, C C, Jenifer
Adams, N F. Lay	Baxter, Jno. Ironaton
Adams, W Y. Hokes Bluff	Bartlett, J T, Sand Rock
Adams, S A, Jackson	Bates, J W. Anniston
Adams, S M, Randolph	Batson, A J. Earnest
Adamson, S M, Louina	Bealie, J T. Northport
Agee, W A. Russellville	Beatty, W J, Kennedy
Akin, W J, Winfield	Bean, G H, Ezra
Allen, A F. DeArmanville	Beaver, A W Winfield
Allen, R M, Emucklaw	Beeson, J J, Pisgah
Allen, Asa, Oxford	Bell, G L, Jackson's Gap
Allen, D C. Brundridge	Bell, V A. Farill
Allen, H, Arbacoochee	Belton, J N, Hoke's Bluff
Allen, W, Geneva	Benson, R K. Lower Peach Tree
Almon, W U, Heflin	Bently, C J, Louisville, Ky
Anders, J H M, Coker's	Benton, G D, Phenix City
Anderson, G S. Auburn	Bice, Isaac, Verbena
Anderson, A, Cole	Bice, J C, Beaver Valley
Ansley, W J, East Lake	Billingsley, W W. Billingsley
Appleton, J B, Collinsville	Bird, Scott, Chulafinnee
Apsey, J G, Eutaw	Bledsoe, W C, D D. LaFayette
Archer, P M. Stanfield,	Blunt, Jas. Ross
Archie, D D. Madison X Roads	Blackwelder, W M, Furman
Armstrong, Aris, Headland	Blake, R H. River Bend
Armstrong, W W. Wilsonville	Boole, J H, York
Arnold, R B. Ciopton	Boothe, D O. Deer Park
Ashcraft, Wm, East Lake	Boozar, G S, Mink
Ashcraft, I N	Bow, J G D D. Eufaula
Ashcraft, R C A, Dingler	Bowerman, E M, Blountsville
Aston, J T. Attalla	Bolling, John, Theo
Atkins, R M, Double Springs	Bolen, James. Beaver Valley
Avant, W C, Rutledge	Booth, W H, Prattville
Baber, E F. Montgomery	Borroughs, E P, Geradine
Bagwell, J E, Arab	Bowles, L H, Troy
Baird, D O, Coal Fire	Bowline, J, Beaver Valley
Baker, W G, Bankston	Bowling, J W, Oleander
Baker, L H, Toledo	Brackin, M, Brackin
Balch, Wm, Rep	Bradford, I F, Avoca
Bane, J Y. Sidney	Bradley, L M, Brewton
Barbour, T M. Tuscaloosa	Bradley, John, Perdue
Barksdale, E J. Albertsville	Brannon, A S. Camp Hill
Barnard, J E. East Lake	Bragg, T R, Moulton
Barnes, J E, Louisville, Ky	Branham, M T, Mt Pinson
	Brasier, I L, Sterrett

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Brewer, G E, Opeiika
 Bridges, H H, Dry Cove
 Brandley, G L, Simcoe
 Brooks, H E, Eufaula
 Brooks, A J
 Brooks, J W, Huggins
 Brooks, W C, Ashland
 Brooks, M, Victoria
 Brooks, E M, Fresco
 Brothers, B F, Riverside
 Brown, E L, Jasper
 Brown, P, Hollywook
 Brown, S P, Oxford
 Brown, W S, Florence
 Brown, J W, Vienna
 Brown, J M, Boaz
 Brown, J W, Strawberry
 Browning, W Y, East Lake
 Buck, C W, Salem
 Bulger, P D, Lakeview
 Bullard, J W, Level Plains
 Burden, C J, Lafayette
 Burdeshaw, D E, Kinsey
 Burns, A E, Huntsville
 Burns, C A, Bangor
 Burr, W M, Dothen
 Burrell, T, Bremen
 Burrow, J J, Oak Level
 Butts, J A, Childersburg
 Burroughs, E P, Whiton
 Burson, V R, Oak Level
 Busbee, J T, Jug
 Bynum, J G, Escatawpa
 Byrd, Berry, Citronelle,

 Cabaniss, Nanafalia
 Cahall, W L, Mobile
 Cain, J T, Central Mills
 Caldwell, J R, Deatsville
 Cahoun, J A, Spencer
 Calloway, P M, Newton
 Calloway, Pitt M, Jr, Newton
 Campbell, W J, Chulafinnee
 Camp, T A, Lamar
 Camp, C D, Rockdale
 Camp, R H, York Station
 Carden, J H R, Weldon
 Carnes, G B, Oneonta
 Carr, D P, Boaz
 Carter, L R, York
 Carter, W B, Luverne
 Casey, J L, Sidney
 Castleberry, P, Easonville
 Catts, S J, Fort Deposit
 Causey, J L, Healing Springs
 Chadwick, J P, Peters
 Chambers, L, Sand Mountain

Champion, J E, Clear Creek
 Chandler, J W, Eastaboga
 Chandler, W N, Attalla
 Chaney, R C, Easonville
 Chapman, J, Ider
 Chappell, H. B, Dillburg
 Cheatham, W H, Greenville
 Cheatwood, B A, Edwardsville
 Cheatwood, R M, Jenkins
 Chism, J M, Palmetto
 Choran, L B, Bolling
 Chunn, G A, Trimble
 Claiburn, W M, Friendship
 Clark, T J, Hallton
 Clayton, J J, Sand Mountain
 Clements, J B, Opelika
 Cleveland, W C, D D, Columbus
 Cline, J H, Hickory Flat
 Clines, E, Stockton
 Cloud, J J, Auburn
 Cobb, A P, Hood
 Cobbs, W T, Hartsell
 Cochran, L B, Chapman
 Cofield, J E, Newell
 Cofield, W P, Fredonia
 Cole, W, Gum Pond
 Coleburn, R, Eldridge
 Colley, J H, David
 Collier, J, Adamsville
 Collier, S T, Albertville
 Collier, W J, Hyatt
 Collins, D S, Narrows
 Collins, I L, Ridge
 Compton, H C, Springville
 Comstock, O E, Shffield
 Cone, G W, Bremen
 Conger, J R, Hackneyville
 Conger, R E, Hackneyville
 Connell, W H, Six Mile
 Cook, C, Fredonia
 Cook, J D, Clinton
 Cooper, J B, Bluff Springs
 Cooper, J C, Marble Valley
 Cooper, D R, Whistler
 Cooper, Benjamin, Johnson
 Corley, P J, Joppa
 Cornelius, M A, Maple Grove
 Couch, J M
 Coulson, L C, Scottsboro
 Cowart, D C, Cowarts
 Cox, S J, Walnut Grove
 Cox, G W, Reanoke
 Cox, J E, Favette C H
 Cox, R A, Wannville
 Cox, W S, Jumbo
 Craig, L P, Bessemer
 Craighead, T B, Uniontown

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- Crawford, E. Interell
 Crawford, W. I. Maynard's Grove
 Crawley, C. Indian Creek
 Cree, P. J. Sallie
 Creighton, J. H. Whatley
 Crider, John, Zidonia
 Cross, S. L. White Plains
 Crowder, C. J. Anniston
 Crumblv, J. W. Oneonta
 Crumpton, B. H., D. D. Bellville
 Crumpton, G. W. Columbiana
 Crumpton, W. B. Montgomery
 Crutcher, N. D. Madison
 Culbertson, H. R. Hoke's Bluff
 Culbertson, W. L. Hoke's Bluff
 Culpepper, S. B. Alexander City
 Cumbie, J. L. Mt. Hilliard
 Cumbia, J. Stroud
 Cumbie, P. A. J. Dadeville
 Cumbie, W. A. Way
 Curry, J. H. Northport
- Dalby, G. W. Woodlawn
 Dameron, J. T. Jenefer
 Daminey, F. A. Geneva
 Daniel, I. N. Graham
 Daniel, M. N. Warrior Station
 Daugherty, A. Dothen
 Davidson, F. Pænix City
 Davidson, J. T. Honoraville
 Davis, E. T. Hope Hull
 Davis, W. T. Lineville
 Davis, G. A. Melvin
 Dawson, J. D. Town Creek
 Dawson, L. O. Tuskaloosa
 Deal, R. C. Echo
 Deal, R. Ozark
 Dean, V. H. Gadsden
 Dean, M. C. Mahan
 Deason, P. J. Sterling
 Deason, T. J. Kucheon
 DeBerry, Z. T. Wharton
 Deer, J. E. Roberts
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1828	Marion.....	"	"
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1830	Near Canton, Wilcox county.....	J. Ryan.....	"
1831	Salem Church, near Greensboro.....	"	"
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1841	Talladega.....	Thomas Chilton.....	"
1842	Montgomery.....	Jesse Hartwell.....	M. P. Jewett.....
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1846	Marion.....	Thomas Chilton.....	"
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1848	Marion.....	"	Platt Stout.....
1849	Carlowville, Dallas county.....	"	"
1850	Marion.....	"	T. F. Curtis.....
1851	Tuskegee.....	W. P. Chilton.....	Platt Stout.....
1852	Marion.....	H. Talbird.....	"
1853	Selma.....	"	P. H. Lundy.....
1854	Marion.....	"	A. B. Goodhue.....
1855	Montgomery.....	"	"
1856	LaFayette.....	A. G. McCraw.....	"
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1860	Tuskegee.....	H. Talbird.....	I. T. Tichenor.....
1861	Marion.....	"	A. B. Goodhue.....
1862	Selma.....	J. L. M. Curry.....	"
1863	Marion.....	"	"
1864	Montgomery.....	W. H. McIntosh.....	"
1865	Marion.....	J. L. M. Curry.....	"
1866	Selma.....	"	"
1867	Mobile.....	"	Chas. Manly.....
1868	Marion.....	S. Henderson.....	R. F. Manly.....
1869	Oxford.....	"	Chas. Manly.....
1870	Opelika.....	"	"
1871	Montgomery.....	"	R. F. Manly.....
1872	Enfauila.....	"	A. B. Goodhue.....
1873	Tuscaloosa.....	"	J. J. D. Renfro.....
1874	Marion.....	Jon. Haralson.....	F. H. Hawks.....
1875	Huntsville.....	"	B. B. Davis.....
1876	Montgomery.....	"	"
1877	Gadsden.....	"	A. B. Goodhue.....
1878	Talladega.....	"	"
1879	Birmingham.....	"	B. B. Davis.....
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1886	Birmingham.....	"	"
1887	Union Springs.....	"	"
1888	Talladega.....	"	Wm. A. Davis.....
1889	Selma.....	"	"
1890	Mobile.....	"	"
1891	Enfauila.....	"	"
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